

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Serious threats to the First Amendment come not from disallowing corporations the right to create super-corporations, but from disallowing public access to a diversity of opinions. Corporations, in spite of the legal definition, are not persons. Their mission is not the community good but profit for shareholders. Shareholders already profit, so it is an issue of greater profits-- only one measure of the public good.